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MESSAGE

To The

THIRD SPECIAL SESSION
57th GENERAL ASSEMBLY
ILLINOIS

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**MESSAGE OF GOVERNOR LOUIS L. EMMERSON TO THE
THIRD SPECIAL SESSION OF THE FIFTY-SEVENTH
GENERAL ASSEMBLY.**

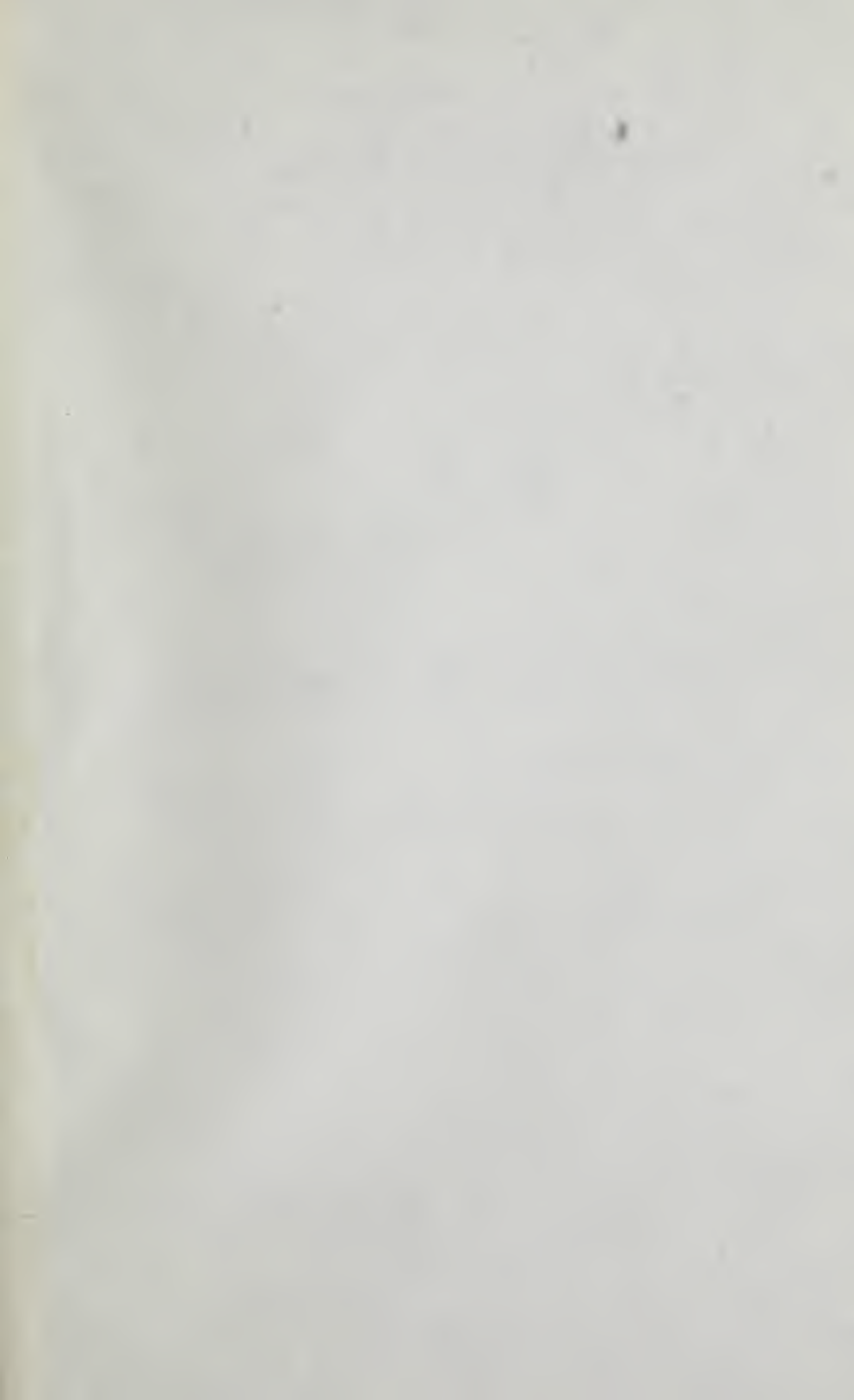
Mr. President, Mr. Speaker, Members of the Fifty-seventh General Assembly, representing the People of the State of Illinois in Third Special Session:

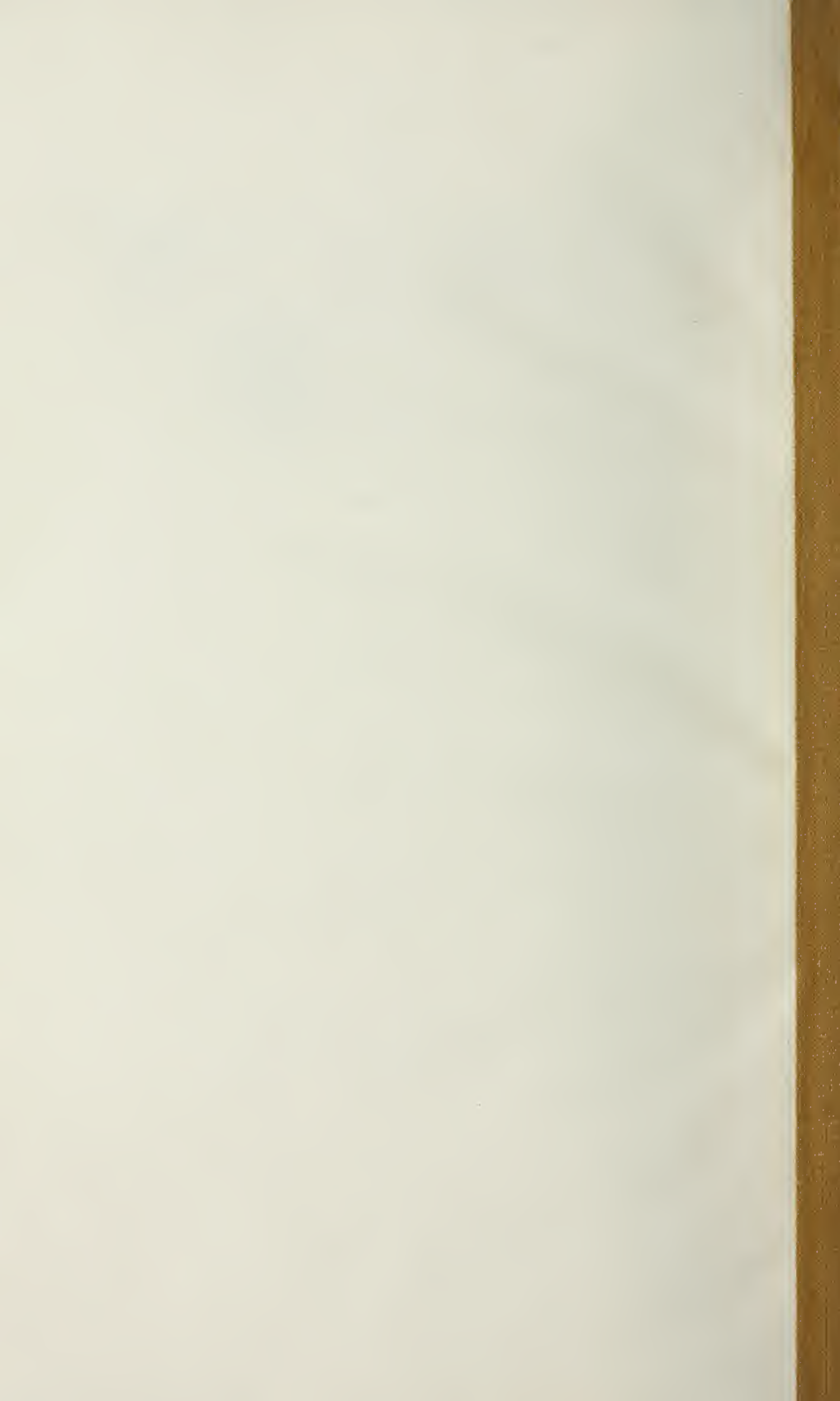
Exercising the powers vested in me by the constitution of the State of Illinois, I have convened the General Assembly in this, the Third Special Session since the adjournment of the last regular session. A most urgent situation makes this necessary. In Chicago and Cook County today are hundreds of thousands of persons who are destitute, lacking the bare necessities to preserve life, for whom there is no employment and no means of helping themselves.

A civilized people cares for its members in distress. In a few days the resources of voluntary subscription and the ordinary local governmental aid in Cook County and Chicago will fail entirely. The situation is further complicated by the failure to collect taxes in Cook County which has bankrupted the municipal treasuries and even interfered with the functions of State government. The problem must be met. We must care for the many of our citizens who, through no fault of their own, need food and shelter and clothing. As Governor of the State of Illinois it is my duty to call to your attention this deplorable situation. The constitution vests in you, the legislative body of the State, the power to enact appropriate legislation to meet this condition.

The proclamations convening the General Assembly in the first and second extraordinary session were, perhaps, not sufficiently inclusive to permit the legislation now imperative to relieve this situation. But the work of the Second Special Session necessarily is little advanced. By including those subjects in this proclamation, it will be possible to adjourn that session *sine die* and transact the business of that session under the third proclamation. One or two other matters of some degree of urgency have been included in this proclamation for your consideration and such action as is deemed desirable.

You have no easy task. The difficulties of government are multiplied in times like these. The solution is largely in your hands and I am hopeful that you will, by application and study, be able to devise means to help in meeting these difficulties and carrying our people through to happier times.







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